

The Alliance

of Western Milk Producers

September 20, 2007

George Gomes, Undersecretary
California Department of Food and Agriculture
1220 N Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: Petition to Consider Amendments to Pooling Plan for Market Milk at the October 10, 2007 Consolidated Public hearing.

Dear Undersecretary Gomes:

The Alliance respectfully requests that you amend the Department's public hearing notice issued on August 23, 2007 to include the Pooling Plan for Market Milk (Pooling Plan) in the call of the hearing. The Alliance and other dairy producer groups are considering amendments to the Stabilization and Marketing Plans for Market Milk (Stabilization Plans) that may require enabling language to be inserted into the Pooling Plan.

If our request is granted, we further request that you limit the scope of the hearing with regard to the amendments that would be considered for the Pooling Plan. Consequently, the sole purpose for revising and reissuing the aforementioned public hearing notice is to open the Pooling Plan for any amendments that may be necessary to allow for the implementation of any changes that may be made to the Stabilization Plans, as set forth in the findings of the hearing.

Sincerely,

William C. Van Dam, CEO

Cc: Kelly Krug, Director, Marketing Services Division
David Ikari, Chief, Dairy Marketing Branch
John Lee, Chief, Milk Pooling